

CANNON SCORES INSURGENTS; LAYS REGULARITY TO SKIES

House "Czar" Would Not Change His Record If He Could.

INSISTS HE'LL RUN FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Asserting Disbelief in Beverly Reports of Coming Dethronement, He Assails Opponents.

DANVILLE, Ill., Aug. 14.—Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House of Representatives, gave out an interview at his home here, reviewing his opinion of his own record and the insurgent conduct.

"Mr. Speaker, dispatches from Beverly say that President Taft is planning to reorganize the Republican party, and that one of the principal schemes he has in mind is the elimination of several of the old party leaders, including Senators Aldrich and Hale and myself. What have you to say about this report?"

"Uncle Joe" grabbed a perfect from an inner vest pocket, lit it, faced the street, blew a cloud of smoke at a passing bus, started to step up and down the porch and started.

Disbelieves Beverly Report.

"I don't believe Mr. Taft contemplates any such action. The President is not the kind of man to yield to every passing whim of a minority. The men you have named as being objectionable to Mr. Taft are the very ones who added to the best of their ability in passing the laws the Chief Executive demanded of the last Congress. We gave him what he wanted and he knows whom to trust.

"And that report from Beverly was put out by one of the members of my 'Ananias Club.' Didn't know I had such an organization, eh? My club makes Mr. Roosevelt's look like a Wednesday night prayer meeting at a fashionable church on a summer night compared with the human race. The members have lied about me so much that some of them really believe what they say.

"The story that Senators Aldrich, Hale, and myself were to be thrown out of the party will be found, when traced to its source, to have originated with some of the 'insurgent' Democratic allies, whose wishes as fathers to thought, you know that a small group of so-called Republicans under the leadership of La Follette, Cummings, Brewster, and others, were more than ready to gain control of the Republican party. All they want is to be the captain, so they can make the crowd do their bidding. They are trying to misrepresent Mr. Taft. They don't care how they obtain power, so long as they get it. Alliances with the Democrats are one of their principal weapons.

Will Die Fighting.

"The insurgents won't get rid of me as easily as they think. I intend to die fighting. I fought when the party needed fighters, and don't intend to quit now.

"I expect to be re-elected to Congress by an overwhelming majority, and then I will be a candidate for Speaker, but always subject to the will of the majority. I have always been a good soldier. I obey the will of old 'General Majority' every time.

"This is something the insurgents always have refused to do. The deserters are seeking to run the army, but they won't do it for long, even if they do secure temporary power.

Here the Speaker dashed toward his library door. There he dictated an answer to the question: "Will you be a candidate for re-election as Speaker of the next house?" His answer was:

"I have been asked this question frequently, especially by our Democratic friends and their practical allies, the followers of La Follette and Cummings. I am a Speaker of the House, and I have been in harmony with, and have to the best of my ability co-operated with, the Republican party in the House of Representatives in the legislation that has been enacted for the last seven years.

"I know of no reason, personal or political, that would prevent my being Speaker again, a majority of the House of Representatives should so desire. I could not upon the demand of the enemy pledge that I will not be a candidate for Speaker without acknowledging that the record of the House during the past seven years is subject to just criticism. That I will not do because I believe that the record of the party for the past several years should be indorsed and not condemned.

"I would add that no Republican Representative in the next Congress will be elected Speaker unless there is a majority of real Republicans in the House that will unite in a caucus for the organization of the House and abide the action of the caucus in the selection of the Speaker and other officers.

Declares Insurgents Inconsistent.

"The Senators and Representatives who call themselves 'insurgents' and who voted against the enactment of the Payne bill voted to increase or maintain the duties on the industries and products of their own States and sections. They were protectionists for their own people, but they were opposed to protection for other people in other sections."

Mr. Cannon then turned to the results in Kansas, after changing his seat to the top of his desk.

"Kansas just can't help doing things once in a while," he said. "They first talked of populism and then combined free silver and populism. Now it has insurgentism. When a movement starts in Kansas it just keeps rolling along until it comes up with a short jerk. Kansas always repents its sins, however. The State recovered from its former malady. You can't keep on fooling the people. They may listen to a few howlers for a time, but soon tire of being led after false gods. What is true of Kansas is true of other States where insurgentism has gained a foothold.

"Those of us who are sticking by the Republican ship have supreme faith in the result. I know from experience that the insurgent wave is the result of a passing squall which will soon be over.

"The American people will soon put the proper stamp on these little men and then they will have to start a new agitation or go out of business. Ever since history began the man in the minority has been seeking some means by which he could overcome the will of the majority, and we have a popular, if not absolutely reliable, record of one celebrated character, antedating history whose fiat was, 'Better to reign in hell than to serve in heaven.' He was our great insurgent, and he was pitched over the battlements of heaven. Since the creation of man there have been those at work on earth to encourage insurrection against order, which is heaven's first law."

Mr. Cannon infused a chain of epigrams in his talk.

What "Uncle Joe" Cannon Says of His Enemies and Friends

"God hates a coward and I intend to die with my boots on."

"When the end comes no one will be able to say I was a quitter."

"Insurgency is an incident and some small men like to be the subject of an incident."

"An insurgent politician is usually one who did not amount to much when his party and country needed men."

"Kansas is afflicted with insanity once every ten years, but soon gets over it. Just now Kansas has insurgentism."

"All this talk about President Taft seeking to force me to retire is bosh. The last Congress gave him all he asked for and he is grateful for it."

"My Ananias Club makes Roosevelt's look like a Wednesday night prayer meeting at a fashionable church on a summer night, compared with the human race."

"Beveridge would make an ideal peacock with just the addition of a few feathers."

"Anyway, no man or set of men can drive me out of the Republican party or keep me from fighting its battles."

ALFONSO DELAYING RETURN TO KINGDOM EXPOSITION OPENS IN SPITE OF FIRE

Spanish Ruler Reported to Plan Indefinite Stay in London. Financial Disaster Is Not Feared by the Officials at Brussels.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—According to the Central News today, King Alfonso of Spain has ordered apartments put in readiness for him and Queen Victoria at the Spanish embassy in London in anticipation of an indefinite stay in England as a result of the deadlock in the negotiations for a settlement of the dispute between the Spanish government and the Vatican.

A Rome dispatch to the Central News declares that the hope of the Vatican conciliating Spain has been abandoned and that the archbishop of Seville, the Spanish primate, has been summoned to the Vatican to assist in preparing a fresh message to Alfonso.

It is expected also that the Pope will shortly issue an encyclical to the people, calling on them to stand by the church in the present crisis.

PEACE OVERTURES DENIED AT VATICAN

ROME, Aug. 14.—Aside from the positive denial by the Vatican that Mr. Bonini, under secretary of state, had gone to Spain to meet representatives of the Spanish government, no new developments were announced today in regard to the controversy with Spain.

Religious festivities resulted in suspension of all business at the Vatican yesterday, and the Pope gave no audiences. Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, remained at his summer home on Monte Mario, but was in communication with the Pope by telephone in the afternoon. He will return Friday.

HAZING IS BARRED.

PINE CAMP, N. Y., Aug. 14.—There is to be no more hazing at Pine Camp. Strict orders have been issued to that effect by Brigadier General Grant, owing to injuries suffered by private Charles Sidman, of Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment, Brooklyn. He was tossed in a blanket and upon the final heave his fellows failed to catch him. He fell to the ground, breaking a collar bone.



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The loudest sort of farce comedy has the stage at the Columbia this week. Du Souchet's play, "My Friend From India," last night was given the initial performance of the week by the Columbia Players, and proved a success as an entertaining laughmaker before a crowded house.

For its situations the piece depends upon the attempt of a rake of a son to account for the presence of a stranger whom he has brought home after a night of revelry, when every man seemed his brother. His father, from Kansas City, is attempting to blaze a trail through New York society by the use of press agent methods. His son's friend of a night is seized upon as the means. When attired in a yellow bathrobe he is introduced as one learned in the mysteries of Hindu lore.

For the rest, a widow seeking her "third," a missionary whose name has been appropriated for the impostor, and several other characters, the rest of the play is a succession of the most brilliant lines of the time, and rather obvious, though some bright lines are found in the speeches allotted to the title role.

In a performance marked by amateurishness the work of Everett Butlerfield, in the role of the indulgent father, was notable. The character was in sharp contrast to the juvenile roles he has usually taken, and gave distinct proof of his versatility.

Miss Emily Melville, as Mrs. Arabella Beekman Sherwood, was again a center of interest. Her powers of mimicry were given exceptional play, and her depiction of a wedding and her prattle before a mirror were clever bits which delighted the audience.

Miss Phyllis Sherwood, who has been seen in the Ingenu roles, was most amusing as Tilly, the maid. Miss Florence Huntington was a striking figure in the role of the rest of the play, and the leading woman, was easily merged in an unimportant role which she played with opportunity. Miss Nina Melville was most charming in the Ingenu role.

Stanley James did clever work as the Rev. Tweedle.

Paul McAllister played the part of the pseudo-Hindu, while Frederick Forrester played the son.

AUDIENCE PLEASED AT THE ACADEMY

"Brewster's Millions" at the New Academy last night kept a good-sized house in excellent humor. As the test of a play and the players must lie in the enjoyment afforded, there can be no doubt, but that last night's performance was gratifying, for the applause was most generous and appreciative.

Taken as a whole the production was excellent. The weak spot was the furnishing of the office of the millionaire, which more accurately represented



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Disclosures Are Made by Talesmen Called in Browne Bribery Case.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Information that organized bands of pleaders for Lee O'Neill Browne, who is accused of bribery in connection with the election of United States Senator Lorimer, have been searching out and attempting to influence veniremen, reached State's Attorney Wayman today.

This discovery confirmed disclosures made on the stand by talesmen, who in rapid succession told how they or their relatives had been interrogated by detectives hired by the defense, and precautions were decided to be necessary in order to protect the jury and insure a fair trial.

Eight jurors were in the box when court opened, with prospects of having the jury complete before dark.

PLAN RIVER SMOKER.

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